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Fall Glories

IN AUTUMN, the northern woods change from sober green to a gay garment, brilliant as Joseph's cloak, and the materials are as varied as the colors. The Maples and Oaks put on splendid red and yellow and brown. Birches take a lighter yellow, to which the conifers provide a sharp contrast, with multitudinous shades of green. Hemlock, Pine, Spruce, Balsam, Juniper and Arborvitæ, each a different hue and bearing a distinctive fragrance.

Underneath are Ferns, the evergreen sorts that keep all winter and may be used for sprays and wreaths. The Ground Pine and Trailing Green become conspicuous as the taller woods plants disappear; festoons of red berries on the wild Barberry; colorful Bittersweet on the top of some tall tree; Blue Juniper berries, and Partridge Berries. Tiny nut-brown cones hang from the Hemlock tips; larger ones stand erect on the Spruce and Balsam; and still larger ones lie thickly under the Pines. Canada Yew is dense in the shadiest places—its dark green tips are perfect for wreaths—and tiny Christmas trees of all sizes abound among the Spruces.



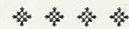
Bittersweet

The beauties of the mountains and forests are merely memories and dreams to many folks who now live far from the green hills. For them particularly we collect the autumn leaves, branches, berries, and evergreens, and ship them anywhere. Assortments of these lovely things are fine gifts for the holidays. Pine-cones make a wonderful blaze in the fireplace, and Bittersweet will warm the dreariest fall day with its cheery color.

Consider their value for wedding and church decorations, those empty porch-boxes, Partridge-Berry bowls, holiday windows to fill with wreaths—what fun to make your own!—a Christmas tree that is perfect and fresh! The holiday table strewn with tiny silvered and gilded cones is truly festive, and baskets filled with the beauties of field and forest are splendid remembrances for those who “have everything.”

This material is described and priced on the following pages. Remember that it cannot be made ready very far ahead and that winter snows lie deep upon these hills in December. Send us your orders in advance and specify delivery date. Then you will not be disappointed.

GARDENSIDE, Shelburne, Vermont



Colored Foliage

This varies greatly from year to year, in brilliancy and in date. Oak is most satisfactory, lasting well and keeping its color. Red predominates. It is fine for house decoration at fall weddings, for harvest suppers, and Hallowe'en. We cut it in 2 to 3-foot lengths and pack carefully in crates—25-lb. lots for \$5, no less quantity shipped.

Write us in advance and we can tell you whether the foliage will be well colored and ready at the proper time.

Bittersweet

Bittersweet rambles over walls and fences, over bushes, and to the tops of tall trees. Its colorful sprays make a somber room cheery, tone up a vase, decorate Thanksgiving tables, add variety to the Christmas wreaths, and help fill the porch-boxes. Usually we can obtain it in early October, though not until frost drops the leaves. As soon as it is bare and open, we cut and pack it in cases about 1½ by 3 feet, holding about 5 pounds. The price is \$5 per case. Less cannot be economically packed. Order with your friends if a case seems too much. Can be supplied readily until Thanksgiving and oftentimes much later.

Barberry Sprays

The common Barberry comes in long, drooping sprays of ruby-colored berries. Used with evergreen foliage they make wonderful bowls. We cut them about 18 inches long and pack carefully. A dozen sprays in a bunch cost \$1.50. Should not be ordered alone, as they are difficult to pack separately. May be included with Bittersweet or cut evergreen tips in boxes.



*Black
Spruce*

Dagger Fern Fronds

Known as the Christmas Fern because it is green under the snow. Its ever-green character permits it to be kept in the cellar wrapped in moist paper for a long time. Useful for sprays and table decoration. A bunch of 100 fronds costs 50 cts.

Partridge Berries

Shining green leaves and red berries used to fill bowls for decoration all winter. A generous bunch, sufficient for a 6-inch bowl, 25 cts. per bunch. Should be kept slightly moist and covered in the bowl.

Lycopodium and Trailing Green

Lycopodium or Ground Pine makes fine wreaths, and so does the Trailing Green. Both keep well but are difficult to obtain after snow comes. Lycopodium in pound bunches and Trailing Green in packages cost 25 cts. per pound. Please order early.

Pine - Cones

These large Cones from the forest floor burn nicely in the fireplace and give off a "piney" fragrance. Should be collected early, before fall rains swell them. Will keep indefinitely. Offered at \$2 per bushel, in sacks.

Colored Cones

The tiny Hemlock Cones, when silvered or gilded and lightly colored, become veritable jewels. Sprinkled about the holiday tables, or added to holiday boxes, they are different and beautiful ornaments. May be wound into wreaths by using a fine hairpin inserted in an awl-hole. \$1 per pound.

Evergreen Sprays with Cones and Berries

Hemlock tips, 18 to 24 inches long, and studded with tiny nut-brown cones are the best of these. Red Cedar has a peculiar brownish foliage and blue berries. It is not always obtainable. Juniper has gray foliage and blue-gray berries. Arborvitæ foliage is flat, light green, and the cones thickly clustered at the tips are light brown. Spruce and Balsam cones stand erect on the branches near the tip. All these are offered at 50 cts. per pound in boxes. A first and second choice should be made, as in some seasons not all are available.

Yew Tips

We have found that the native Yew makes the finest possible wreath material. It is dark green, lasts exceedingly well, makes up readily into wreaths that are flat and heavy-looking. Offered in sacks of 25 lbs. at \$5 per sack. Sprays about 18 inches long.

Porch-Box Evergreens

Empty porch-boxes are unsightly and yet nothing may be planted in them that will live through the winter with any surety. For the purpose of filling them, Evergreen boughs are often used, with a little Bittersweet added. Somewhat better are little Spruces from the woods, inexpensive, but permanent and will survive the winter. These are from 8 to 15 inches high, and usually one tree to a foot of box is sufficient. We offer 25 plants for \$2.50 and prefer not to ship less than this quantity.



Yew



Fern

Evergreen Boughs

We can supply, all fall and throughout the winter, cut branches of Arborvitæ, Balsam, Spruce, Hemlock, Juniper, and Red Cedar. These are about 3 feet long and do not have cones. Useful for large decorations, for filling porch-boxes, for protecting rhododendrons, etc. Packed in bales of 25 pounds at \$2.50 per bale. Special prices on quantities.

Wreaths

We make wreaths of all the native materials but recommend the Yew for beauty as well as keeping qualities. Specify what evergreen is desired. These are shipped by express, about December 15 to 20, and will keep in a cool place until needed. Each wreath is ornamented with cones and Bittersweet. All are fresh and the whole effect is more pleasing than artificial materials. Two sizes only, f. o. b. 12-in. diam. 75 cts. each, \$7 for 10, \$15 for 25; 14-in. diam. \$1 each, \$9 for 10, \$18.50 for 25.

Christmas Trees

We are situated on the edge of the section where these are cut in large quantities and can obtain specimen Spruce and Balsam trees in perfect shape and condition. These we wrap in burlap and ship by express about December 15, so they arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. If you have difficulty getting a good tree, let us ship you one. Trees 6 feet high or a little more, \$2.50 f. o. b.

Miniature Christmas Trees

When more perfect specimens are wanted for tubs or for potting for use in the house at Christmas, we can supply symmetrical plants of Spruce and Balsam from the woods, with some roots, so they will hold in tubs. Two sizes: 18 to 24 inches at 75 cts. each; 24 to 36 inches at \$1 each. Roots are wrapped in moss.

Gift-Box Assortments

When less than a bale or case of material is wanted, these assorted boxes are excellent. They are of two sizes. The smaller box is about 12 by 12 inches and contains Bittersweet, Hemlock sprays, colored cones, a pound of Lycopodium, Fir Balsam sprays, and sufficient Yew tips or other good evergreens for a wreath. This is priced at \$2.50, delivered. A larger amount of these items is offered in a box about 20 by 20 inches for \$4, postpaid. Please state just when you wish these delivered. Cards, if sent, will be enclosed.

Christmas Baskets

These ornamental baskets are filled with native evergreens and other material, either fresh or dried and colored. This includes Poppy and Iris pods, Statice and Baby's Breath, all grown here. Balsam and Spruce are used, and the baskets arranged to last indefinitely if moistened. Each is packed individually in a mailing-box and may be sent anywhere. Fine for gifts, especially to those who love the woods and fields but cannot have them, or for the person to whom it is difficult to give. Cards may be enclosed. Prices are postpaid. Two sizes, \$1.75 and \$2.50.

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